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SUBJ: AFGHAN VIEW OF DIEGO GARCIA

1. DURING LENGTHY DISCUSSION JULY 3 WITH DEPFONMIN WAHID ADBULLAH, FOLLOWING ABDULLAH'S RETURN FROM ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERENCE AND VISIT TO INDIA AND BANGLADESH, AMBASSADOR TOOK ISSUE WITH LANGUAGE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER BANGLADESH MEETINGS JUNE 29-30. COMMUNIQUE, AS PUBLISHED IN KABUL, STATED "THE TWO STATES AGREED THAT THE EXPANSION OF NAVAL AND AIR FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA RAN CONTRARY TO THE CONCEPT OF A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION".

2. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT PRESENCE OF LARGE SOVIET
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FORCES AND ACCESS FOR USSR TO A NUMBER OF PORT FACILITIES

IN THE AREA MADE IT IMPORTANT THAT US HAVE ADEQUATE
NAVAL AND AIR FACILITIES TO MAINTAIN THE TYPE OF BALANCE
WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO MUTUAL RESPECT AMONG MAJOR POWERS
AND TO PEACE IN THE REGION. AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT AFGHANISTAN, KNOWING OUR FEELINGS
ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA MATTER, WOULD HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF
JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH BANGLADESH TO MAKE THEIR OWN STATEMENT.

3. DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH CLEARLY CAUGHT OFF-BALANCE AND
EMBARRASSED. HE REPLIED RATHER LAMELY THAT "WE HAD TO
GIVE THEM SOMETHING" AND SAID IT OF COURSE WAS POLICY OF
GOA TO BE NON-ALIGNED IN MAKING STATEMENTS ON GREAT POWER
ISSUES.

4. ASSUME FULL TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN DEPARTMENT.
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